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Serving Bethel and neighboring communities in the mountains of western Maine*You CAN go home again:*

Making a living, making a life

By AMY CHAPMAN

What happens when you grow up in the Bethel area, move away in pursuit of education or adventure, then find yourself living back in your hometown?

Four young people who left, then returned, have found that with a little creativity and a lot of flexibility, home can be a pretty special place. They recently shared their experiences.

"You have to go the extra mile to make it work."

When Craig Angevine graduated from high school and left Bethel for

college, he never expected to come back for more than an occasional visit. "I think when people leave [their home town] it's often with a sense of negativity," he says. There's a tendency to reject the familiar surroundings they've grown up in, and "they want to go out and do something important with their lives."

Now, a decade later, Angevine has been back in town for four years, supporting himself, depending on the season, through carpentry and

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Anna Sysko and Gabe Perkins at DiCocoa's Market & Bakery in Bethel, where Sysko works and Perkins often net-works.

A. Chapman

Telstar mulls change in mascot

By ALISON ALOISIO

A student committee at Telstar High School is looking into the possibility of replacing Yosemite Sam as the school's mascot.

The teams are nicknamed the Rebels. Yosemite Sam is a Looney Tunes character who appears in a logo on the wall in the school office with the "T" standing for "Telstar." He is also painted on the wall outside the gymnasium.

Yosemite Sam has been used since Telstar opened in 1968.

THS Principal Dan Hart said there are concerns about copyright issues in connection with the char-

acter. He also said some students feel he is outdated.

"The Telstar School Spirit and Action Committee has had preliminary discussions, since last spring, of either retiring Yosemite Sam and replacing him with a 'modern version' of a Rebel or looking into a new mascot," Hart said last week.

The committee is planning a student/staff survey at both the high and middle schools on a possible change, including an invitation to provide entries of a modern version of a Rebel and/or a new mascot, in

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Draft budget presented for a new Andover school system

By ALISON ALOISIO

A "worst case" draft budget for 2014-2015 for a possible new Andover school unit totals just over \$1 million, residents learned at a public hearing last week.

The town will vote Jan. 7 on whether to withdraw from SAD 44.

Selectboard Chair Susan Merrow, who is also a member of the Andover Withdrawal Committee, said Monday there is a base amount that all districts pay toward their budget to qualify for state funding.

"Andover's number is \$823,000 this year," she said.

"It changes annually and is set by the state. So Andover can count on paying \$823,000 in the first year - 2014-15. After this number, the state contributes its share. Our superintendent consultant, Jack Turcotte, was asked to estimate a 'worst case' draft budget using conventional education practices. His number was \$1,028,737."

For the current school year as a member of SAD 44, Andover is paying \$634,601 (including \$140,000 to keep the town's elementary school open for the year), according to SAD 44.

Merrow said that in pre-

paring his worst-case budget, Turcotte "worked to be very generous with all accounts, and this also allowed for extra tuition students at the middle school and high school, a security camera system on the buses, extra election money, and even two copiers. The school only has one. So we felt comfortable that he did due diligence, and the new school board would have

something to work from to reduce while protecting voters by estimating generously.

"If Andover's child population continues to decline, then Andover taxpayers

would see the school budget go down drastically," she said. "We would have the option to tuition all children, if needed. The point is there would be options."

Andover would also have to come with \$235,400 in additional startup costs for a new school unit, Merrow said. She said selectmen will propose a bond to cover the cost and cash flow during the first months.

She said there has also been discussion about possibly using part of the town's Comsat Trust Fund to offset costs.

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IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE AT TELSTAR STARTING TONIGHT-The cast and crew of Telstar High School production of "It's a Wonderful Life" are in the final rehearsals for tonight's opening at THS's Helen C. Berry Auditorium. Show times are Dec. 12, 13, and 14 at 7 p.m., with an afternoon matinee on Saturday Dec. 14 at 2 p.m. Admission is free, with donations cheerfully accepted to support Telstar theater. Pictured are, front: Sophie Hanscom, Anneliese Smith, Dharma Damon, Aisling Forbes, Emily Hanscom, Trey Meader, Regan Kauf, Alec Fowles, Emily Philbrick, Middle: Faith Tribble, Mackenzie Bragg-Albert, Greg Wheeler, Shelby Levesque, Elijah Laird, Josh Elliot, Ali Turnick, Nick Johnson. Back: Nancy Huston, Savanna Vermette, Liam Gallagher, Aaron Speakman, Austin Bear, Kellen True, Haylee Peterson, Kristy Hanscom, Skylar Harlow, Gabi Stone. Absent: Anna Saucier and Peyton Meader. Nick Johnson

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Letters

THANKS FROM SAM CHAPMAN'S FIANCÉE

To the Editor:

I wish to take this moment to say a humble and heartfelt thank you to all you wonderful people who flooded me with love when Sammy died. If it seems strange that I have waited until now to express my appreciation, I hope you will understand that, in truth, until now I have had no voice with which to express my profound gratitude.

I have been blessed with a spectacular outpouring of love. I realize that in large part, I have had the good fortune to bask in Sammy's reflected glory because he was so loved by so many in the Bethel community. Therefore, I must also thank Sam, for he gave me his love and left me the gift of his wonderful friends.

I thank all those people who wrote to me, who called me often, who came by the house to visit me, who have been enormously generous, kind and comforting. You have touched my heart beyond all expectation.

Kathy Berberian, fiancé of Sammy Chapman

THANKS TO THS FROM VETERANS

To the Editor:

On Thursday, Nov. 7, we were invited to be present at the THS monthly student assembly. It was a real privilege to be in the audience with proud families and friends to witness so many of the students receiving awards for their outstanding achievements in so many of their activities. We applaud them all.

The program also included time for honoring veterans on the occasion of Veterans' Day, Nov. 11. Many proud vets from the local area were in attendance, each one introduced and presented to the general assembly by the principal and members of the student body. The orchestra performed a wonderful musical tribute to the military services, playing their moving rendition of the anthems of each branch.

We extend our sincere thanks to Mr. Hart, the teachers and staff, and the entire student body, for their special presentation of this very thoughtful and much appreciated program. We are touched by your caring and your efforts to include us. Thank you for allowing us to be there for the recognition of your outstanding students.

Sylvia Clanton, for the Vets

THANKS FOR SUPPORTING CODY

To the Editor:

We would like to send our sincere appreciation to all the folks that were involved in and attended the benefit for Cody Bean. It is overwhelming to see the love and support that he has. We are blessed to live in such a caring community.

*Tim and Jo-Ann Korhonen, Cody's grandparents
Bethel*

WHY CLEAN ENERGY?

To the Editor:

We all need to be pulling together for a clean energy future, right now. The reasons are many, but the biggest reason is to fight climate change.

We are now rapidly headed into a less-stable climate system. That threatens our health and safety; our crops, livestock, and fisheries; all sorts of infrastructure, especially along coasts; and most importantly, our kids' future.

Clean energy, especially the cleanest - energy efficiency (such as better insulation) and various forms of solar energy - generates very little of the air pollution that causes climate change. Much climate change pollution comes from fuels that burn.

Clean energy helps our economy. It grows more jobs per dollar spent than fossil fuels, and it saves consumers (you and I) a lot of money over the medium to long-term. It also avoids the health costs and many other shared costs of dirty fuels.

Clean energy in the US receives less than 15% of the subsidies that oil, gas, and coal receive, and much less goes to the cleanest technologies.

We have some challenges ahead in order to increase our clean energy use, but these can be met if we stay focused upon our most important needs - our health and security, our economy, and our families' future.

*Ken Hotopp
Newry*

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Citizen welcomes letters to the editor. The deadline for letters to the editor is 4:30 p.m. Monday. Letters run on a space-available basis. Those submitted after the deadline will be considered for publication when circumstances permit.

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"IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE" AT TELSTAR

To the Editor:

Come take a break from the holiday hustle and bustle, sit back, and be reminded of the spirit of the season while enjoying Telstar's production of "It's a Wonderful Life." Show times are Dec. 12, 13, and 14 at 7 p.m., with an additional matinee performance at 2 p.m. on Saturday. Admission is free, with donations accepted to support this and future productions by Telstar High School Theater.

"It's a Wonderful Life" is the classic story of George Bailey, whose plans for an adventurous life of travel are repeatedly put on hold as family obligations and the needs of his small town come first. After numerous setbacks, George sinks into despair and wonders what meaning his life has had. It's Christmas Eve and Clarence, an angel seeking to earn his wings, descends to Earth to show George just how wonderful his life has been. Indeed, his family, friends, and community would have been gray and unhappy if George had left for his life of adventure. This is a heart-warming story that celebrates hard work, loyalty, fairness, and the love and support of family and community.

Gather up your friends and family and come enjoy this play, brought to you by the talented and dedicated Telstar cast and crew. The show includes several cast members from the elementary and middle schools, as well as a cameo appearance by a particular high school staff person. Let's celebrate our small town and our wonderful students while enjoying some great theater.

*Pat Nasta
THS Theater Department*

COME TO THS WINTER CONCERT

To the Editor:

Telstar's Music Department invites you to their 16th Annual Winter Concert on Tuesday night, Dec. 17 at 7 p.m. in the Helen Berry Auditorium. Come welcome in the Holiday Season with festival music performed by the High School and Middle School Chorus and Concert Band. Admission is free, and donations are always welcome. Hope to see you all there!

*Jennifer Bennett
THS Music Dept.*

CHECK OUT ONLINE AUCTION

To the Editor:

Shop locally from the comfort of your home - online. The Bethel Area Chamber is offering more than 100 items - loads of gift certificates to local restaurants and shops, B&B getaway deals, adventures, and lots more - for yourself and everyone on your list. Log on to www.biddingforgood.com/BACC and place your bid. This is open to all, but time is short. Auction closes at 10 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 15.

Thanks for all your support and best wishes for a happy holiday season and a prosperous, healthy New Year!

From the Staff and Board of Directors of the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce

Celladore

'What was your most difficult problem?'

"On ne peut pas faire une omelette sans casse les oeufs," said B.B., reading my thoughts. That day they had taken down the rest of the pantry ceiling, the study ceiling, taken up the remains of the bathroom floor and sawed out all the charred crossbeams. The center of the house was now a great open cavern with the sky shining through the hole in the roof. Every floor that had been clear that a.m. was now covered again. All day debris had rattled down, boards, nails, chunks of plaster, charred embers, corncobs that mice had carried in to store in the walls for winter eating. No treasures had been uncovered, no old bottles, no old letters with rare stamps, no coin silver spoons, nothing but filth and rubble. I knew now what it must have been like in war-torn Europe and saw B.B. with a new insight. He had been a part of all that. I imagined whole cities in ruins and decided there would be no complaints from me about this tiny corner.

And so the days went by. I felt like the Red Queen, always rushing at top speed to stay even and never getting anywhere. We were forever shoveling up debris from the floors, putting it out the windows into the pickup body. B.B. carted off to the town dump and came back with new boards and beams to be used inside. I began to understand the problems that those with crippled legs or feet must have. One could never just walk anywhere. One picked his way into the cave to get to the fire. In the other rooms, one lifted high the feet over stuff on the floor.

Our friends came to bring cheer, always bearing some kind of food for the mid-morning and mid-afternoon soup break. They viewed the ruins, met the boys and praised their work, crowded into the sitting space in the cave for a short chat, then departed taking a load of laundry with them to do for us. I loved the visits but to stop work was deadly; when chatting I sat fighting off drowsiness.

After the boys left each evening, we cleared out as much as we could, tried to sweep up the most of the plaster and the cinders to make their work next day a bit easier. B.B. left for town about five-thirty p.m., always loaded with three or four baskets of laundry. I heated some water, bathed in an old pan, ate my daily ration of stew and custards, rearranged my blankets and into bed on the sofa, always with a book, but would be asleep by seven-thirty. B.B. came back in the morning with the clean laundry which I hung outside to dry in the sunshine. Then at night he took it back to town. Alice let us have an empty bedroom over the garage for a storage place. The nights that I went down to bathe, I ironed a little. It was pleasant to view the ever-growing array of clean things in contrast to our Edgar Allen Poeish place here. Every day the plaster settled in thicker and thicker, outside and inside everything.

But the worst was yet to come. One forenoon Buster approached B.B. and asked what he had decided to do about the old chimney. B.B. asked him what he thought. Buster shifted his feet about, saying "It's your house. If you are ever going to change it, now would be the easiest time." More shifting of feet. "It isn't a very large chimney. It was built to use with stoves, not a furnace. If you put in a new chimney you would probably want to have a larger one (here he lit a cigarette). You need an insulation space around it anyway (here he retied a shoe-lace) and it wouldn't be a big expense since you'll have such a big bill anyway... Of course, it's an awful mess to take this one down."

Buster never made long speeches, he never smoked a cigarette while working, he never gave advice. So the matter was promptly settled. The chimney would come down. Buster was almost smiling as he sent Bob, his helper, for the long ladder. I asked B.B. to please ask the boys to look for any little holes or cracks where maybe a spark had gone through. "Maybe you can do that," he answered.

"I have to go to town right away and get bricks" and he hastily departed. Of all the things we had done when fixing the house when we came here, taking up the old hardwood floor in the kitchen had been the most fun. Maybe taking a chimney down would be equally interesting, so I went out to the shop to get my Stanley Feitler hammer (a mining friend who had given me a rock pick). Maybe we could use some of the old brick to pave under the carport. Into the house, I started upstairs, got one whiff of air and promptly came down again and ran choking to the porch. The chimney came down in one tumble. I peeked into the house a little later with about the same enthusiasm as the man opening the furnace door to check on Sam McGee. The boys were in the cellar, the worst spot of all as there was no air there. I knew now why B.B. had had to go to town so suddenly. Into the wood shed, I poked about in the boxes and found some rum, wiped out two glasses with a gag, filled them, found some clean snow to use for ice and when I called the boys for soup break, had a first course to offer them. We sat on the porch; it was cold but one could breathe. I suggested that the boys take the rest of the day off and go home after that horrible job.

NEWS AND PHOTOS FROM CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

The Citizen welcomes submissions of news items and photographs from local clubs and organizations.

The deadline for clubs and organizational items is noon Monday, but earlier submission is appreciated.

All news articles should be typed or printed legibly, and include the name and daytime telephone number of a contact person.

Photos: When submitting photographs, please identify the nature and date of the activity, the names of everyone shown in the photograph, and the name of the photographer. Please also provide the name and telephone number of a contact person.

Submissions can be dropped off at The Citizen office (behind the Bethel Town Office) or mailed to P.O. Box 109, Bethel, ME 04217. During non-business hours, items can be placed in the mailbox outside our office. For further information, call 824-2444.

News and photos can also be submitted by e-mail: news@bethelcitizen.com.

Returns: Due to the volume of material passing through our office, we regret that we cannot be responsible for unsolicited submissions.

Our Back Pages

By Danna Brown Nickerson

10 years ago: The largest snowstorm in many years dumped more than 30 inches of snow on the Bethel area.

Work was progressing well on the 45 by 75 square foot addition to the Woodstock Fire Station.

Births: Brianna Lynne Benson, Emma Paige Evans.

Deaths: Anthony R. Nasuta, Louise L. Newton, C. Maurice Morgan.

20 years ago: Sunday River Transportation Company's new passenger rail cars rolled into Bethel on Sunday, Dec. 12.

NOVA and the Bethel Rotary Club sponsored job shadowing programs with more than 30 Telstar upperclassmen participating.

Births: Bradley David Myers, Anna Ruth Bernhardt.

30 years ago: The Bethel United Methodist Church School presented the musical "365 Days of Christmas Each Year" during the morning worship hour.

Army Pvt. F. Scot Angrave had completed basic training at Fort Dix, N.J.

Deaths: Roland F. Hayes, Sr., LaForest G. Twitchell, Moses H. Swan, Clifton E. Bean, Malcolm C. Gould, Sr.

40 years ago: Randolph Stevens announced that after 23 years in business he had sold his garage to Paul Carter.

The Telstar basketball team won their MVC opener, beating Livermore 71-67 in an overtime game.

Birth: Kristalynn Jay Offhaus.

Deaths: Mrs. David Leach, Mrs. Ida L. Wight, Mrs. Ada R. Dickens, Millard F. Clough.

50 years ago: About 50 members of the Senior Citizens met at the Norseman Inn for a Christmas party and buffet lunch.

Lawrence Kimball escaped serious injury when a log being twirled caught on a stump and came down by him, bruising his shoulder.

Births: Denise Lynn Grenier, James Arthur Merrill, Paul Korhonen, Jr.

Death: Clyde W. Lapham.

60 years ago: Stephen Hastings was making a good recovery from injuries received when his arm was caught in a washing machine wringer.

Miss Mary Douglass of Upton competed in the Apple Princess contest at State Grange in Portland.

Birth: Curtis Wheeler Cole.

Deaths: Mrs. Hazel Freida Millett, Irwin M. Hutchinson.

70 years ago: A critical shortage of logging and saw-mill workers existed.

Charles Tuell went to Ormond Beach, Fla.

The new fire whistle and all necessary valves had arrived.

Death: Lt. Charles O. Smith in Kunming, China.

80 years ago: Bethel's new Caterpillar 50 tractor with LaPlante-Choate plow had arrived.

Work on the new Academy building was going on rapidly. Stagings were being taken down.

Deaths: Mrs. Georgia Nichols, Leroy Everett, Percy Whifney.

90 years ago: Glyndon A. Sawin was attending Massachusetts School of Pharmacy in Brookline, Mass.

William Bingham II purchased the Fuller house on Broad Street, and was making extensive renovations.

Rev. and Mrs. W.C. Curtis went to Auburn to make their home.</p

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"To do that it would have to go to referendum with a 2/3 vote approval," she said. Selectmen were scheduled to discuss an amount for a bond at their meeting this week.

Merrow also said if Andover voters approve withdrawing from SAD 44, "residents wouldn't see that much of an impact this tax year, since half of the year is the current SAD 44 payment. They could see a bigger jump in the 2015 tax year." By that time the new school board would be able to implement cost-saving ideas and revenue generating ideas."

The school and town fiscal years are staggered by six months.

About 70 people attended last week's public hearing, according to town officials.

Online debate

In the wake of the meeting some residents took to the Andover Withdrawal Committee's Facebook page to discuss the issues.

Supporters of withdrawal have argued that keeping the town's elementary school open is critical to keeping and bringing people and business into town, as well as maintaining a strong real estate market.

But others in the online discussion thought a potential large tax hike caused by withdrawal would drive people and business away.

Withdrawal supporters, however, said that staying

in the district would also likely result in significant tax increases over time. They also said if Newry, which pays a large share of the SAD 44 budget, were to withdraw from the district the other towns would take on a heavier tax burden.

Some commenters also expressed concern that by withdrawing the town would lose its current vote on the SAD 44 School Board and thus its say in how Andover students in grades 6-12 are educated. Under the withdrawal plan, those students would be tuitioned to schools in the region.

But others countered an Andover school board would do a better job of making decisions for its elementary school than the SAD 44 board would.

Another hearing planned

Another public hearing to discuss the merits of withdrawal will take place Saturday, Jan. 4. Polling hours for the Jan. 7 vote will be 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Merrow said there is also a question on the ballot asking if voters want to increase the number of members on a potential new school board from three to five.

If the vote to withdraw is approved by a 2/3 majority, an election for school board members will take place Jan. 28.

Withdrawal would be effective June 30, 2014.

MASCOT

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the near future, Hart said. An earlier issue regarding a Telstar symbol - a Confederate flag that hung in the gym - arose in the 1990s when the school got complaints that it was offensive. The flag was eventually taken down.

In that same era Yosemite Sam's image was altered, eliminating guns he held in each hand and replacing them with flags. Former Principal Ted Davis said this week the change was made because Warner Bros. planned to revoke permission to use the character. Davis said the school had been paying a fee to the company each year to use

Sam. Davis said there has also been discussion off and on over the years about replacing the Rebel nickname as well.

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**RECORD OF DECISION (ROD)
FOR F-35A OPERATIONAL BASING**

After careful consideration of relevant operational, environmental, economic, and technical factors discussed in the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS), public input, and other relevant factors, the Air Force signed two Records of Decisions on December 2, 2013 for the proposed beddown (or basing) of F-35A operational aircraft: one for Air Combat Command (ACC) bases and the other for the Air Reserve Command/Air National Guard installations. While only one EIS was used to analyze the impacts for each separate action of basing F-35A operational aircraft at an Active Duty base and at an Air Reserve Command/Air National Guard installation, the two Records of Decisions are separate and distinct decisions that are being made as evidenced by two separate Record of Decision documents.

Of the three ACC alternative basing locations, the Air Force decided to implement a decision to base up to 72 F-35As and associated construction at Hill AFB in Utah to accommodate aircraft anticipated to start arriving in 2015. Of the three Air Reserve Command/Air National Guard alternative basing locations, the Air Force decided to implement a decision to base up to 18 F-35As and associated construction at Burlington Air Guard Station (AGS) in Vermont to accommodate aircraft anticipated to start arriving in 2020. Although this beddown decision will base up to 72 aircraft at Hill AFB and 18 aircraft at Burlington AGS, the actual number of aircraft is limited by Congressional approval and funding and aircraft acquisition.

The FEIS Notice of Availability was published in the Federal Register on October 4, 2013, and the 30-day waiting period ended November 4, 2013. For questions, please contact Ms Ann Stepanek, Media Operations Officer SAF/PAO, Headquarters, USAF Pentagon, 703-695-0640. The Record of Decisions are available for downloading from the Web at www.acplanning.org.

Christmas For Children

The Bethel Rotary Club has raised \$3,560 toward their goal of \$13,000

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What's spent in Bethel, stays in Bethel

By ALISON ALOISIO



Pok Sun Lane and other Bethel businesspeople hope local residents will stop first at their stores while making their holiday shopping rounds.

A. Aloisio

samples of fudge to boost Christmas spirits.

Whitney also said any savings from out-of-town shopping trips may be lost in paying for gasoline.

She said Maine Line currently has a small but loyal group of local customers for which she is grateful.

On the Sunday River Road in Newry, Beth Bean of Sunday River Gems said her business generally comes from "the people just going by or people who have stopped in our shop for years. We are out of the way a little, but people who do come in find that we have very interesting things and as many have said, very good prices."

Lane echoed Bean. Shoppers may pay a bit more for some gifts locally but, she said, shops like hers also have items that are cheaper than at some chain stores.

"Try us first," she said.

RACE

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Todd Le Duc.

Morse said that Red Bull approached Sunday River shortly after the event at Mount Snow with the idea to create an on-snow race. "We've worked with Red Bull on a number of large events before, including our annual Dumont Cup each March, so there's a shared understanding between us about what we're able to do in terms of hosting large events and being able to provide ample snow and facilities," she

said. Morse said there is a lot of interest in the competition among college students planning to attend the annual week's events.

In addition, she said, "the general public seems equally as interested in seeing something that has never been done before."

Spectators may watch the event from the sides of the course.

"They will be asked to walk up from the South Ridge base area to a des-

ignated corridor along event venue (located roughly underneath the Chondola)," said Morse.

"As for safety precautions, we're using a combination of snow walls and cement barricades to protect spectators, team members, and resort infrastructure."

Spectators may watch the event from the sides of the course.

"They will be asked to walk up from the South Ridge base area to a des-

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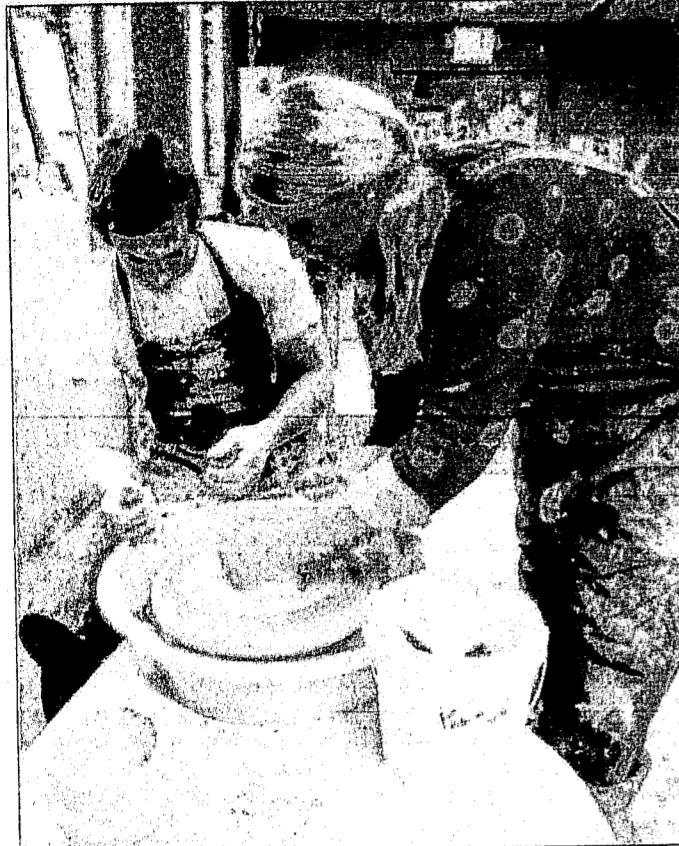
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LIFE

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Ashley Oliver helps pottery student Sam Leone in Gould Academy's pottery studio.

A. Chapman



Craig Angevine, who returned home to Bethel after a few years away, says he hopes to encourage other young people like himself "to dive in and take a chance" at making a life here.

Submitted photo

waiting tables, often working two or three jobs at a time. For the past two years, he has also been focused on his creative dream of launching a photography business.

The 2008 recession, the loss of his job in Seattle, and a mountain of student loan debt conspired to bring Angevine back east, but it's a new perspective on his hometown that has made him want to stay.

"Once I started working, and meeting people, I remembered what it's like being here," he says. "The woods, skiing, swimming—these are all things I value immensely."

Does he envision a long-term future for himself in the Bethel area?

"Absolutely," Angevine says. "This is my home base. That doesn't mean I can never leave. It can be my home base, and I can orbit around it. Living here doesn't equal being trapped here. If you believe you are trapped, or in a rut, then you are."

He says most young people start out with a vision—often handed down from members of their parents' and grandparents' generations—of a lifelong career, and the stability and security that it brings. But he believes that, for the most part, that kind of security no longer exists.

His friends who live in urban areas face the same kinds of issues he does, he says: trying to balance life and work, to earn enough to pay the bills and a little more. "Even for people who go to work for big corporations, having one career for life is kind of a thing of the past."

He doesn't necessarily see that as a bad thing. "The most special thing that can happen to people when they're in their 20s is to learn to let go of that idea of security, to dive in and take a chance."

Angevine says he wants to encourage other young people "not to feel like it's impossible to live here. I hope to inspire the entre-

preneurial spirit. The opportunities are here, but you have to go the extra mile to make it work."

"I'm in a pretty good situation."

Unlike Angevine, Gould Academy pottery teacher Ashley Oliver says she "always planned on coming back to Bethel after college."

Oliver grew up in Bethel, graduated from Gould, and majored in pottery at Alfred University. After returning to town in 2007, she says, "I did odd jobs for a couple of years," working at the Bethel Inn and setting up a studio at her parents' home to make her own pottery.

"I always wanted to work at Gould," Oliver says, and in 2010 she was given the opportunity to fill a one-year opening there, teaching pottery—exactly what she had envisioned when she chose her college and major.

The position became permanent, and she is now in her fourth year as part of the Art Department staff.

"Being a young person in Bethel can be challenging," she acknowledges, "because so many people here are very family-ori-

ented. But I have a good group of friends at Gould, as well as a group of people I grew up with here, so I'm not struggling to find things to do."

"I have no plans for leaving. I'm in a pretty good situation," she adds.

"I'm always 10 percent on vacation."

Gabe Perkins is a full-time student at the University of Maine at Farmington. Now 35, he grew up in Bethel and attended local schools through eighth grade, when his family moved to the Readfield area. After graduating from Maranacook High School, he attended Northeastern University for a few semesters.

"It was a way to get to move to Boston," he says. "It's kind of instilled in kids as they're growing up in rural areas like Bethel or Readfield that you leave the area after high school."

Eventually, saddled with student loan debt but without a degree, Perkins signed up for a two-year stint with Americorps, working in development and public relations for Habitat for Humanity in Phoenix, Ariz. He returned to Bethel in 2002, after he and his sister inherited their grandparents' house on Mason Street. Perkins and his wife Jessie, who met in 2005 while both were

working at the Good Food Store, eventually bought out his sister's interest in the house.

Although restoring their home provides more than enough projects to keep them busy, community involvement is a high priority for the Perkinses. Jessie wrote a grant to fund the Bethel Area Nonprofit Collaborative; she now works at the Chamber of Commerce and volunteers on many community projects. Gabe has served on the Planning Board, the Airport Authority, and the Comprehensive Planning Committee, and chairs the Projects Committee of Mahoosuc Pathways, working to build and advocate for trails in the Bethel region. Both are also very active in the local foods movement.

"Through Americorps, I made a decision to be involved, to serve," Perkins says. "I made a commitment to be involved in my community."

His return to school in 2011 was driven by his desire to participate fully.

"I decided that if I was going to continue to do this kind of work here, I needed to learn how," Perkins will graduate in May with a degree in Environmental Policy and Planning, a major he describes as "helping to understand how a community works and how to do comprehensive planning, with a strong component of GIS (geographical information systems)."

Perkins encourages other young people to get involved. "If people take ownership, it becomes respect for the place and for the people."

It seems that his infectious enthusiasm may be paying off. "For a long time, Jessie and I would go to visioning meetings and say to each other, 'We're the youngest people in the room—again.' But now that's starting to change."

Of the perception that living in a small town restricts opportunities, Perkins says, "We decided that place, the place where we live now, is important to us. We have friends who live in cities and they say they can't wait to retire and live in

a place like this, I say, why wait? Just because of where I live, I feel like I'm always ten percent on vacation, all the time."

"I fit into the story of Bethel."

If Anna Sysko seems completely at home behind the counter and in the kitchen of DiCocoa's Market & Bakery, it's because she has been there, off and on, for nearly 19 years. "I started working for Cathi [diCocco] in high school, when I was 14," she says.

Sysko graduated from Gould Academy in 1999, attended college in Orono for a year and has spent time in Colorado and Michigan. She returned to Newry, where her father, Jim, owns 600 acres of land, in 2006.

"I was living in Michigan, working in a natural foods store," she says. "I met someone who was into growing food, and then I had a dream of returning home to farm."

With the help of her father and sister, she built a 32x48-foot passive solar glass greenhouse, in which she raises chickens and grows greens, herbs, tomatoes, and peppers. "We've been growing every day, year-round, for the past two years," she says.

Sysko, who works three and a half days a week at DiCocoa's and also homeschools her six-year-old daughter, markets her produce locally and has plans to expand her business. "That greenhouse has the capacity to produce hundreds and hundreds of pounds of greens every year, and the demand for local foods is growing all the time."

"I came back here mostly because of the land, and because of family. For me, it was also the family of the town—I didn't have to invent myself; I'd already been invented here as a child. Now that I'm here, I can't imagine moving away. I fit into the story of Bethel."

That story, she says, is "a real careful, slow, progressive walk forward. People who live here are piecing together diverse ways of making a living and being a part of the community."



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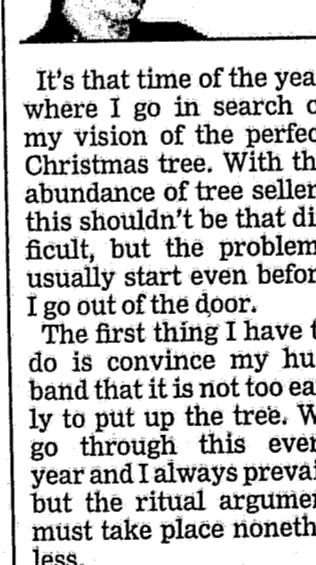
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The Way I See It

By Sharon Bouchard



It's that time of the year where I go in search of my vision of the perfect Christmas tree. With the abundance of tree sellers this shouldn't be that difficult, but the problems usually start even before I go out of the door.

The first thing I have to do is convince my husband that it is not too early to put up the tree. We go through this every year and I always prevail, but the ritual argument must take place nonetheless.

The hold-out on Henry's part goes back to his childhood when a large family and little income forced him and his brothers to go searching for a tree only a day or two before Christmas.

The pickings at that late date were pretty slim and Henry and his brothers would find what they could and drag home a tree that even Charlie Brown would have rejected. He said they would fill in the bare spots of which there were many with tons of icicles and construction paper chains.

My family's financial means were no better and my father would go chop down a tree on the side of the road somewhere. I can't say that my father had a great eye for Christmas trees and the trees he brought home would have also been rejected by Charlie Brown and we too filled in the bare spots with tons of icicles and construction paper chains. Henry has fond

memories of his pathetic trees; I do not.

I think it's because of the scraggly trees I grew up with that I insist on a perfectly full Christmas tree and in order to get such a tree one must not wait too long or the really good ones will be gone.

I explain this to Henry ever year, but he just doesn't get it. It doesn't matter because I go and get one anyway.

Once I win the "it's not

My perfectly full tree is not so perfect after all

too early to get a Christmas tree" battle I then have to enlist my son or son-in-law to help me bring my prize home. It's not that Henry wouldn't help even though he thinks I'm crazy, but it's hard to lug a tree from a wheelchair. So, I get Doug or Jay to go with me and they're pretty good sports considering that I make them hold up a gazillion trees while I circle them and finally shake my head "no."

Eventually I will find my masterpiece and with frozen hands and feet we'll strap it onto the car and get it home. That's when the next problem arises. In my excitement to

pick a perfectly full tree I always seem to pick one that has a wingspan larger than a jumbo jet, necessitating a major trimming of branches before it will fit through the door to my living room. Doug and Jay are really pretty good sports about doing this.

The next problem is the fact that in spite of a large living room there is only one corner where the tree can go. I always misjudge the width of this corner and the tree has to go back outside for a little more pruning. Doug and Jay are not being quite as good sports anymore.

The final problem is finding where I put all the ornaments when I put them away the previous year. Since my house has become the depository for stuff that everyone in the family has no room for, the attic and closets are full and my ornaments end up in different locations. There is usually at least one box I can't find.

So, once the Christmas tree is up I find that my perfectly full tree is not quite as full anymore because of all the cutting back of branches. Once decorated it still has a lot of bare spots because of all the missing ornaments.

My perfectly full tree is not so perfect after all, but that's no problem because the way I see it I can always put on a ton of icicles and a whole bunch of construction paper chains.

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Bethel

By NANCY BROWN



Tonight is opening night of "It's a Wonderful Life," a play presented by the Telstar High School Theater Depart-

ment at the Helen C. Berry Auditorium at Telstar High School. The curtain goes up at 7 p.m. Additional performances are on Dec. 13 and 14 at 7 p.m., with a matinee on Saturday, Dec. 14 at 2 p.m. The play is a faithful stage adaptation of the 1946 Frank Capra film starring Jimmy Stewart,

Donna Reed, and Lionel Barrymore. The film is a Christmas favorite and the American Film Institute named it one of the best 100 American films and placed it number one on its list of most inspirational movies ever made. If you are unfamiliar with it, this is the storyline: George Bailey (played in the movie by Jimmy Stewart) gave up his dreams to help others. It's now Christmas Eve and George has had some bad luck and is contemplating suicide. His guardian angel intervenes and shows George the lives he has touched and what life in his town would be like if he had never been born. If other recent performances by the Telstar Theater Department are any indication, this week's production will dazzle theater goers.

The town Christmas trees have been lit in Bryant Pond and Bethel. The Bryant Pond tree is a living tree in the park near the post office. This season it is covered in purple/blue, green, red, and yellow lights with a white star at the top of the tree. Going south on Route 26, the top of the tree is visible from the ball field. In Bethel, trees covered in white lights greet people just outside town on lower Main Street and also on the Bethel Common at the top of Main Street.

Also, on the Common: an ice skating rink is being built. Benches are up and on Sunday night, more water was being sprayed onto the rink. With predicted temperatures dropping this week, it won't be long until the rink is ready for skaters.

Do you need ideas for local gifts? One place to go is the Bethel Historical Society Museum Shop, which is on the ground floor of the 1821 Robinson House at 10 Broad Street. The shop has an incredible number of books on local and Maine history, includ-

ing books on lumbering and logging, railroads, the White Mountains, and Sunday River. There are books by local authors, toys, and crafts. The shop has four books by Richard Blanco, the 2013 Inaugural Poet and a Bethel resident. The shop is open Tuesday through Friday from 10 to 4 p.m. If you can't get to the shop, you can browse and shop online at www.bethelhistorical.org.

If you have news to share, please e-mail me at brown-nancy1950@gmail.com, or call me at 824-2483.

East Bethel

By CHERRI CROCKETT



Hello neighbors, I trust you are all well this week and have already begun to celebrate

the Christmas season with family and friends and will continue to do so over the next couple weeks. I pray that you're able to make some new memories, carry on past traditions and enjoy all your special moments.

Over these past weeks of writing this column I've been curious to know if anyone is reading, as very few people are coming forward with any news. Well, I learned this past week, that I do in fact have some readers.

First off, it has been brought to my attention by our dear friend, Bob Brown over in Hanover, that my picture is not a reflection of my true self. He asked Andy to tell me to change it, as, "She's a much better looking woman than that picture shows." Bob, I really appreciate you reading the column, but REALLY appreciate your request, so I hope the new picture will bring a smile to your face. Thank you for looking out for my image.

Last week while I was working in Peru, I ran into a former grammar school teacher, who is now a

neighbor in Rumford corner, Betty (Swan) Stearns. It's always nice running into friends from the past. In talking with Betty, I had mentioned to her that I saw her visiting June's burial plot with Dick the other week and she told me that they also paid their respects to the East Bethel cemetery. I was a little confused and she told me that her late husband was buried there.

However you remember your loved ones at this very special time of year, please also remember where they are. They are where we all long to be one day, with our Father in Heaven. After all, He is the reason for the season.

God bless you all and I pray you're able to give an extra hug to those in your life this week and share a bit of what He has blessed you with.

Alder River Grange 145 will have a regular meeting Dec. 13 with a 6 p.m. supper and the meeting at 7 p.m. at Stan Howe's home on Broad Street, across from the Inn. Please bring non-perishable goods or a little money for the food bank.

Andover

By JANE C. RICH



The biggest deer contest on the youth level was won by Bailey Haynes of Strong with a seven point buck that weighed in at 220 pounds. Meanwhile the adult champion was Daniel Jones, Jr. of Washington, Maine with an eight point buck which tipped the scales at 215 pounds. Each of the winners received a Savage Axis gun in youth and adult models.

Absentee ballots are now available for the upcoming School Withdrawal Election on Jan. 7, 2014. You may request a ballot during town office hours, in person. The last day to request a ballot is Thursday Jan. 2, 2014, which is three business days before the election. Committee Chairs

OCSD Patrol Log

Tuesday, Dec. 3

At 4:01 p.m. Deputy Peter Casey responded to the Farmers Hill Road in Andover for a report of an ATV racing up and down the road.

Wednesday, Dec. 4

A businessperson on Mill Hill Road in Bethel reported finding trash, open windows and the stove on in a part of a building not available for public lodging. Deputy Willie Nelson was assigned.

Thursday, Dec. 5

At 1:10 p.m. a vehicle lost control on the Sunday River Road and went into the trees. The occupants sustained minor injuries. Deputy Dani Welch responded.

At 2:23 p.m. Deputy Dani Welch assisted the Secret Service with trying to locate two subjects in Bethel. There was no contact at the location specified.

Friday, Dec. 6

At 1:56 p.m. Deputy Nathan Bowie responded to Greenwood for a harassment complaint.

Saturday, Dec. 7

At 12:27 p.m. Cpl. Justin Brown attempted to locate a runaway from another part of the state, believed to be in Bethel. There was no contact.

At 2:55 a.m. Deputy Dave Hodgson responded to a property-damage accident on the Sunday River Road in Bethel. The vehicle was a total loss but there were no injuries.

At 9:55 a.m. Cpl. Justin Brown responded to the Greenwood Road in Greenwood for a single-vehicle traffic accident involving four occupants. There were no injuries.

Sunday, Dec. 8

At 5:45 p.m. Deputy Nathan Bowie and Sgt. Matt Baker responded to the West Bethel Road in Bethel for a domestic dispute.

At 10 p.m. Deputy Dave Hodgson responded to the West Bethel Road in Bethel for an unwanted person report.

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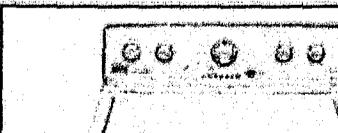
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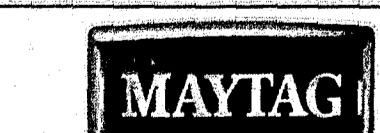
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Holiday hours at the Town Office will be as follows: closed on Dec. 25, Christmas Day, and Jan. 1, New Year's Day. The office will close at 12 noon on Dec. 31, New Year's Eve.

Several of us gathered for the Christmas Carol sing-along on Sunday. Since we were in competition with the RAAPA concert in Rumford, the crowd was small but the singing was enjoyed by all. The Food Pantry was the sponsor and benefit of this event.

The Food Pantry will be distributing Christmas Baskets and "STAR" gifts on Tuesday, Dec. 17. The pantry will be closed on Dec. 24 and 31. Clients are urged to prepare accordingly.

Gilead

By LIN CHAPMAN



As I write this on Sunday afternoon, I am looking out my living room window at bare ground and sunshine. Since the weather is predicted to take a turn for the worse in the next couple of days, I guess by the time this column is in the paper, there will be some kind of covering on the ground. If I have to choose between snow and the icy weather that other parts of the country are getting, I guess snow is my choice. December is half over with, so I guess it is time to have just a little of that white stuff.

My brother, Steve McLain, stopped by the house last Saturday and had a cup of coffee while he was sorting the town mail. He likes to check the mailbox on Saturdays and put the mail into the office for Judy when she is there on Tuesdays.

Alfred and Sharon Leighton spent the Thanksgiving holiday with some of their grandchildren in Michigan. They had a great visit and it was even more special because the grandchildren did not know that they were coming. Jacob, Mikaylah, Natalia and Nathan were talking to Sha-



The slopes of Sunday River Resort were decked in red and white Sunday as 210 skiing and snowboarding Santas gathered to schuss the ski trails for the resort's 14th Annual Santa Sunday. This year, Sunday River raised \$2,100 for the Bethel Rotary Club's Christmas for Children fund by requiring each of the pre-registered Santas to donate a minimum of \$10. Registrants are also asked to come to the resort with their donation in full Santa garb, including the hat and pom-pom, red coat and pants, belt, and beard. Sunday River Resort thanked each St. Nick with a free lift ticket to use the day of the event, as well as another lift ticket to use any time before Christmas. *Sunday River*

ron on the phone and were quite surprised when their phone call turned into the real thing. They opened the door and there were Alfred and Sharon in the front yard. It is always nice to surprise the grandchildren when you can!

Town Office

There will be reduced hours at the Town Office during the holiday season. The selectmen will meet on Dec. 11 and make the final decision. The Transfer Station will also have reduced hours. Both the Town Office and Transfer Station will be closed on Dec. 24. Hours will be in this column next week and they will also be posted on the door of the office.

Dog licenses for 2014 are due Dec. 31. After Jan. 31, there will be a late fee of \$25 added to the cost of the license. The fee for a spayed/neutered dog is \$6 and if they are not spayed/neutered it is \$11. There will be a rabies clinic at the Bethel Fire Station on Saturday, Dec. 14 from 2 to 4 p.m. The fee for the rabies shot is \$15 and payment must be made in cash only.

Gilead Historical Society

Both the schoolhouse and the train station are ready for Christmas. In keeping with how things might have been, there is just one candle in each window. The Woodstock Historical Society will meet on Saturday

Each building has a wreath that the GHS purchased from Tanner McLean who was selling them for the fund raiser that the CPS fifth grade was having.

Got any news? Call 836-2987 or e-mail chapma@hotmail.com.

Bryant Pond

By ALICE HOYT



Today, Dec. 12, at 2 p.m. is the Whitman Memorial Library Sing-Along of Christmas

Carols for all ages with retired teacher and present organist Jim Burke on the keyboard. Mr. Burke is presently the organist at the Universalist Church in West Paris. Also, Town Manager Vern Maxfield will read a couple Christmas poems. Special Christmas goodies will be served. The public is invited to attend at no charge.

Services at the Baptist Church are Sunday School at 9:15, Morning Worship at 10:30, Evening Service at 6 p.m. Wednesday evening at 6:30 is Mid-Week Service. Remember the annual Christmas program at 6 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 22. Be sure to invite your family and friends to this special service. Dec. 24 is the candle light service at 6 p.m. The Woodstock Historical Society will meet on Saturday

day, Dec. 14 at 6 p.m. at the Town Conference Room. A 6 p.m. potluck supper will be followed by a meeting. Instead of exchanging gifts, please bring the money you would spend on a gift and it will be given to some charity.

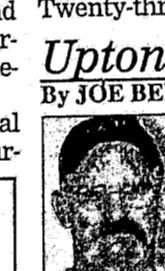
We had a very nice Thanksgiving giving as our family Ken and Alice Hoyt, Beth, Steve, Marybeth Hoover and T.J. Ray, JoAnn, David, and Shawn Crockett, James Hoyt and baby Shawn joined my sister Leatrice Chase, Richard, Teresa, and Hunter Chase at Andrew and Rhonda Chase's in Norway. Also present were Liza and Omar Gonzaga and Rhonda's mother Judy. It was a very pleasant day.

The exercise class held at the Whitman Memorial Library will not meet again until Jan. 9, 2014.

The Woodstock-Greenwood Senior Citizens met at the Town Conference Room on Thursday, Dec. 5 for a potluck luncheon, meeting and exchange of gifts. Items were brought for the food pantry and Children for Christmas. Next meeting will be at the Town Conference Room in January with another potluck dinner. Twenty-three attended.

Upton

By JOE BERNIER



The Annual Community Christmas Party will be Saturday, Dec. 14, 6 p.m. at the Ladies Aid Building. The Ladies

Locke's Mills

By BETSEY FOSTER

Here's the latest on the liquor license application for the proposed Ring-side Bar on Main Street, Locke's Mills. Greenwood's attorney has advised Town Manager Kim Sparks that the Selectmen must regard only those items listed on the application form as a basis for denial. That means the Selectmen will likely have to approve the application.

However, the other side of the coin is that the Maine Department of Transportation also has a say in the matter. Sparks talked with MDOT and, while the official to make the decision was not available, she was told that grandfathering of a business is not automatic. Just because there was a business at a location in the past does not mean a different type of business will be approved for that location. MDOT will look at the safety situation relative to the nature of the proposed business. Sparks expects to hear from the MDOT official later this week.

The Selectmen will meet Dec. 17, 5 p.m., to discuss this matter further and hear what MDOT determines as to traffic safety. Everything appears to hinge on MDOT's decision.

The town office has central heat! Yahoo. The furnace was installed last week and is operational. Toasty warm at last. The floors will be sealed this week. Getting there.

The open house at the town office is scheduled for Jan. 10, 1 to 4 p.m. This delay is to accommodate people who will be away over the holidays. Rumor has it that some local chefs will be called upon to make goodies for the open house. Mark your calendars.

Mt. Abram has reinstated a free skiing program for Greenwood children. Thank you, Mt. A. Children ages 4 to 18 can ski for free the third Sunday of each month. The program begins this month during school vacation. All you need to do is contact the town office (875-2773) to complete the simple application. The town manager will then send a list of children who can ski free to Mt. Abram. All that is required of the child is to be a Greenwood resident.

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Mt. Abram opens to pass-holders this Friday, Dec. 13, and to the public on Saturday.

On Sunday, Dec. 14, 4 p.m., will be the Christmas Cantata at the Locke's Mills Union Church on Main Street. All are welcome and refreshments will follow the performance.

While this can be a very busy holiday season, it is also the time of year when people tend to soften their hearts a bit (remember "How the Grinch Stole Christmas?") and donate to organizations that help our communities be a better place for all. Please remember our local food pantry that helps so many when a crisis strikes. You can make a donation by sending a check to: Bethel Area District Exchange & Food Pantry, PO Box 232, Bethel, Maine 04217.

In appreciation of Dr. Seuss and the Christmas Grinch, here is my favorite quote from that book:

"It came without ribbons. It came without tags. It came without packages, boxes, or bags. Then the Grinch thought of something he hadn't before. Maybe Christmas... doesn't come from a store. Maybe Christmas... he thought... means a little bit more."

Please send news to 3taichi@gmail.com.

Waterford

By ROCKIE GRAHAM



It has been cold and snowing. Believe it or not, Lefty and Gertrude have been fine with the cold, but not the snow. We open the door and they look at the snow and say "No, thank you." Smart girls. Most people I know who are not skiers agree, but of course, we have to go out in the cold anyway. Wonder what Gert thinks seeing snow for the first time this year. Lefty probably tells her to avoid it, but the cold hasn't seemed to faze her at all.

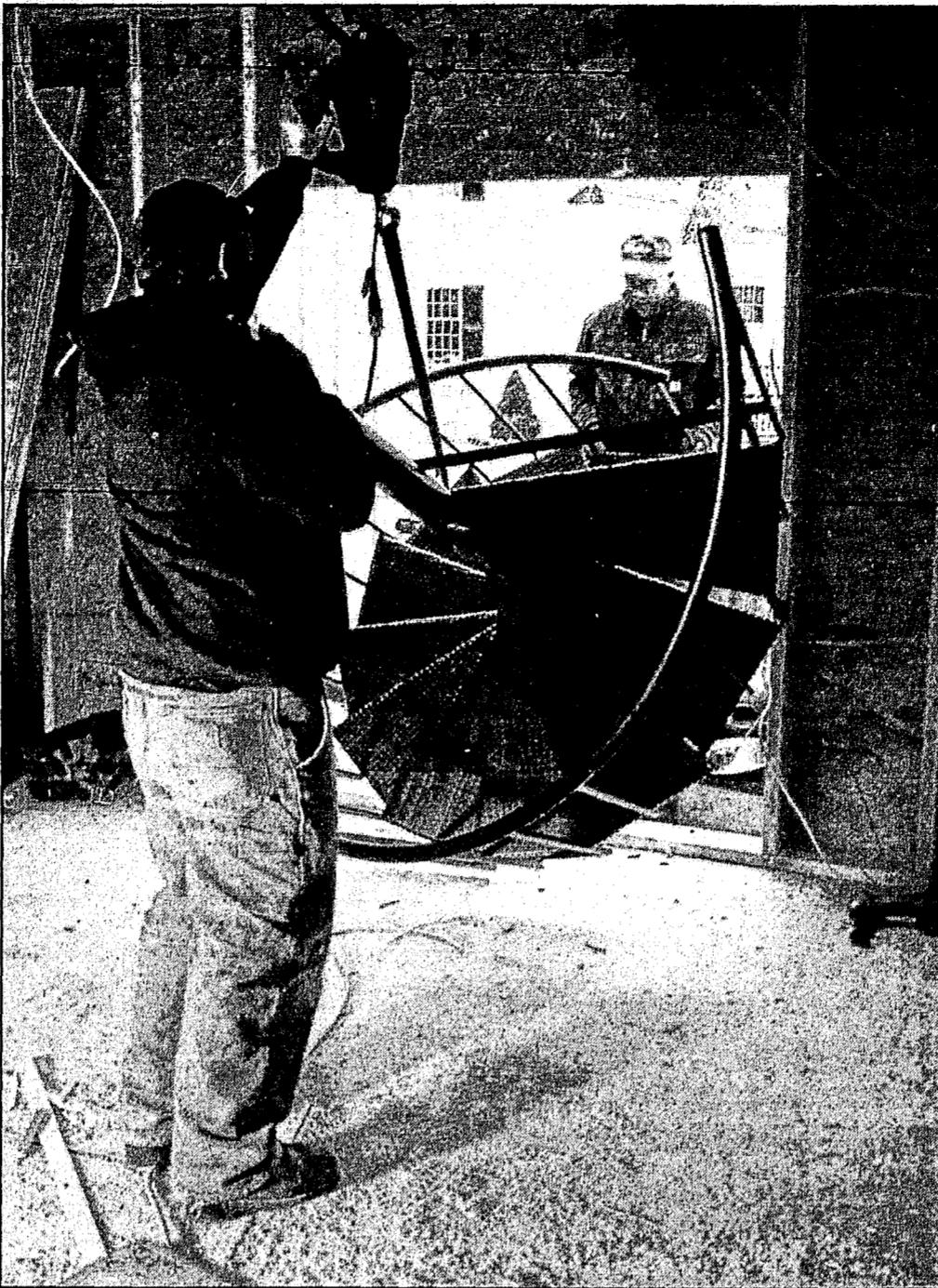
Sad to hear of the death of Nelson Mandela this week. He was a very special man. I met him several years ago and was impressed by how vital he was then. He must have been at least 60 and could dance like a young'un.

Hope all are well on their way to getting their shopping done. We haven't, of course. But we will do something eventually. We are thinking of inviting friends over again, like Thanksgiving. That all went so well.

Monday, Dec. 16, Knitting group will meet at Waterford Library from 2 to 4 in the afternoon. All levels of knitters are welcome.

Monday, Dec. 16, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m., attend a workshop at Norway Library. "Not a Creature was Stirring," a craft program for all elementary students. Candy cane mouse ornaments will be made. FMI please call Annika 743-5309 or stop by the children's area at the library.

The supper and silent and not so silent auction at Fare Share Co-op on Sat-



BHS STAIRWAY ARRIVES-A spiral stairway, built by "Spiral Stairs" in Searsport, arrived Friday to be installed in the Mary E. Valentine Wing at the Bethel Historical Society. Here, contractor Dan Gibbs and Jeremy Gibbs (back-to) maneuver the 300-pound steel structure through a temporary opening in the wing's wall. The wing is scheduled to be completed in April or May of next year.

ful. There were about 100 at site at www.snowmobilermiford.com. You can support the Polar Bears by becoming a member which helps to fund the cost of grooming throughout the season.

A For Sale sign has recently been posted at Gordie Howe's store. Many Hanover residents have expressed sadness in not having a convenience store close by for essentials such as food and "town talk." If you haven't already noticed, there soon will be another option in our town. Stay tuned for more information regarding the opening of the Stony Brook Variety at Stony Brook Recreation, located at the campground just a half mile east of Newry Corner on Route 2 in Hanover. Owners Bruce and Shirley Powell, who have operated the year-round campground for nearly 30 years, are busy at work preparing for the opening of the new store. More details to come next week with an official opening date anticipated in the very near future.

Happy retirement to Hanover resident, Joan "Jo" Gurney. Most recently, Jo was employed as a Critical Care nurse in the ICU at Stephens Memorial Hospital in Norway. Jo is enjoying her

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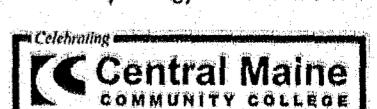
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retirement with her husband Tom, several grandchildren, and other family members in the area. Congratulations and good luck, Jo!

The next meeting of the Hanover Select Board will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 17 at 6 p.m.

Got news, questions, feedback? Please e-mail HanoverNews@yahoo.com. I love hearing from you.

South Woodstock

By LOLALEE DILLINGHAM



Good morning to y'all. It's a rainy morning here, but the thermometer reads 37 degrees. The sand truck went by earlier so we

must have had a bit of ice on the roads.

Condolences to the families of Warren P. Sessions, Sr. and Maurice (Moe) Nadeau. Our thoughts and prayers to both families.

We had band practice on Wednesday. Leroy is doing a lot better and now trying to get over pneumonia.

Thanksgiving gathering at the Litchfield Sportsman Club brought out 44 in attendance. There was plenty of food left over, three tables of desserts of all kinds.

After dinner we set up for a jam session for the rest of the afternoon. We headed home at 4 p.m. It was a great day being with family and friends. A family thanksgiving

dinner was held on Friday, Nov. 29 at the home of Craig Moore and April Paine. Kayla had to work on Thanksgiving and she wanted a family get together, so she, along with help from her mom, April, Gail Silver and Allyson Moore prepared the day's meal. The turkey was moist and delicious and the stuffing was homemade. We all enjoyed it.

The girls also made desserts. I offered to bring the homemade yeast rolls.

Seventeen of us gathered around the dinner tables for the meal and conversation.

I am having band practice here today. We are preparing our Christmas programs for the nursing homes, Veterans homes and living centers.

Get well wishes to all who are down with medical issues. You are in our prayers.

That's all from the valley this week, stay well and have a good week.

Commander's Corner

We members of the Jackson-Silver Post family want to wish one and all a merry Christmas and happy New Year. Dec. 15 is the annual Post Christmas party. This year we will start at 12 noon with a potluck luncheon and then the time for all the children present to receive their gifts. I hope that any members will remember to provide their children's names and ages to assure that Santa leaves a present. Also we are taking donations rather than exchanging gifts. Donations will be for the Western Maine Veterans Advisory Committee. This group provides the residents at the South Paris Veterans Home with some much needed items of comfort and goodwill. This is the one home in the state that has this great program.

Dec. 17 is the District 5 meeting at Post 68. We will have a light supper at 6 p.m. There will be a batch of "Rookie Chili" by Al Lake, plus other goodies. Meeting to follow with Nomination Committee to be formed.

We of the American Legion are still looking for new members. There are many benefits for belonging. You are joining a veterans organization that cares for the veteran, the community and youth. All three are so important to each and every veteran. The four Pillars of the Legion are as follows.

Pillar I: VETERANS AFFAIRS & REHABILITATION. This composed of programs, services and advocacy efforts that improve the lives of those who served, along with their families and dependents, after discharge from the military.

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Pillar III: AMERICANISM For those looking to make differences in their local communities, The American Legion is a great place to start. From Legion Baseball to Boys State/Boys Nation to Legion Riders, there are plenty of opportunities to make your mark.

Telstar 62, Hall-Dale 30; Dec. 7-The Rebels played great team basketball, sharing the ball. Avery Griffin led all scorers with 17 points. The boys played solid defense and everyone on the team scored at least one basket. Coach Ryan Kimball

Telstar High School 2013-2014 basketball previews

By SUN MEDIA WIRE

Boys' Basketball

Coach: Mark Thurlow

Returning letter-winners: Seniors — Tyler Cherkis (5-8 guard), Austin Ryerson (5-11 guard/forward), Nick Conrad (5-8 guard), Bronson Dean (6-3 forward); Juniors — Mike Daugherty (6-3 forward), Maverick Griffin (6-0 forward).

Promising newcomers: Freshmen — Tanner Wheeler (5-11 guard), Brandon Daugherty (5-8 guard).

Outlook: The Rebels will be searching for an identity as they try to crawl back into tournament contention. It could come from a veteran backcourt led by Ryerson, Cherkis and Conrad. They will be one of the smallest teams in the conference, but Thurlow is pleased with their willingness to battle on the boards and just compete in general. The return of Dean after a two-year absence adds some much-needed size.

Girls' Basketball

Coach: Brian Mills

Returning players: Seniors — Casey Blaszczak (forward), Alyssa Brands (forward); Juniors — Annie Cushman (forward), Dora Pilgrim (forward), Crystelle Head (forward), Jessie Kelly (forward); Sophomores — Becca Howard (guard/forward), Tori Ryerson (guard/forward); Blair Stevens (forward), Haley Peterson (guard).

Promising newcomers: Senior — Savanna Patenaude (guard); Freshmen — Caitlin Haines (forward), Natasha Hart (guard).

Outlook: The Rebels are in their second season at the varsity level after taking a year off. The team is still trying to rebuild and Telstar has a young team looking to improve on last year.

SAD 44 Ski Free Days

Sunday River is offering four Community Ski Free Days for the residents of SAD 44. On Community Ski Free Days we offer free skiing and riding, free rentals, and free First Experience Learn to Ski or Ride clinics (clinics are for age 15+, pre-registration is required) to the residents of SAD 44. In addition to free skiing a 50 percent discount at food and beverage outlets is offered on each of these days. People who wish to use the discount at food and beverage outlets must show their lift ticket valid on that day.

SAD 44 Community Dates:

Sunday, Dec. 15, 2013

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Sunday, Jan. 26, 2014

Sunday, March 30, 2014

Bethel Historical Society news

Over 50 adults and children visited the Bethel Historical Society on Saturday to enjoy the annual "Christmas at the Mason House" event, which took place from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. Once each year, the first floor period rooms in the 200-year-old landmark are fully opened for viewing by the public; during this time, the rope barriers are removed, three of the fireplaces are operated, and lighted candles are placed throughout the rooms providing visitors with a unique perspective on home life during the 19th century. In addition, seasonal decorations of live greens, pine cones, fruit and colorful cloth ribbons transport guests back to an earlier, simpler time. As in previous years, cookies, squares, nuts and other tasty treats were available, and mulled cider was served in the winter kitchen. The open house was enhanced by beautiful music played on the harp by Connie St. Pierre. For their valued assistance with this popular event, the Society would like to thank Grace McKivergan, Jackie Bell, Stan Howe, Danna Nickeon, Rachel MacKay, Allan Marcotte and Marvin Ouwinga. The Society also extends sincere thanks to all those who left cash donations to help support this yearly program.

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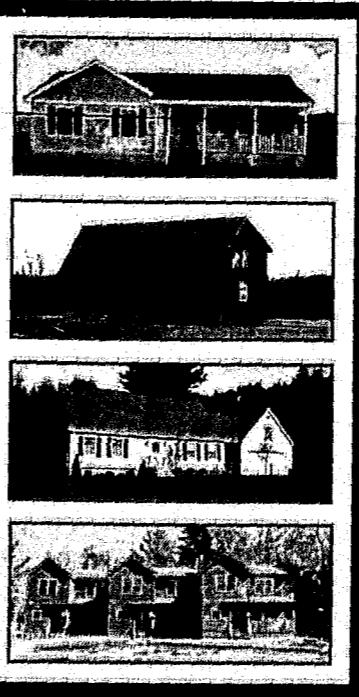
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Santa Claus comes to town



Kids and adults shared the annual "Breakfast with Santa" at Crescent Park Elementary School Saturday. CPS Chorus singers, directed by Linda Stowell, entertained.



Santa listened to gift requests from youngsters. Shown here is Harrison Parr.



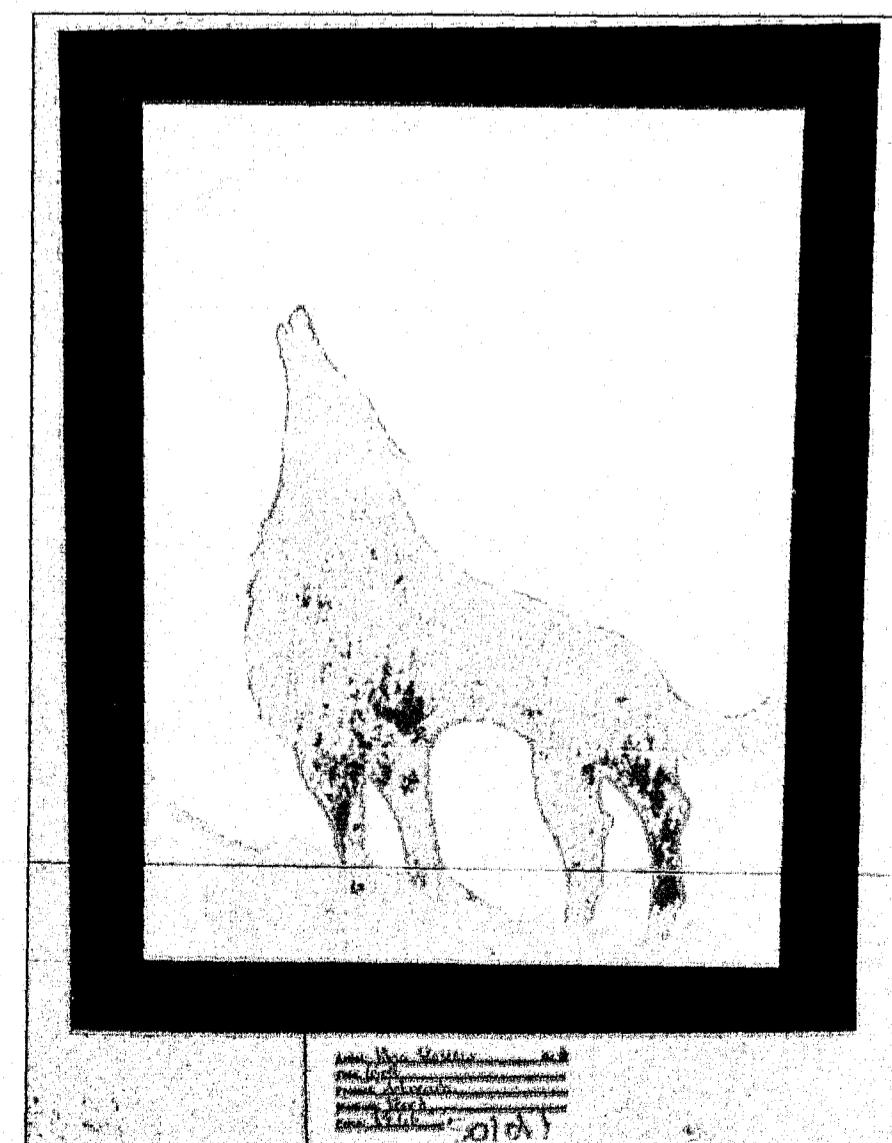
Late in the day Santa and Mrs. Claus arrived by fire truck for the annual tree lighting on the Bethel Common.



The Jingle Bell Run made its way up Main Street in Bethel. Among other weekend events and activities were horse-and-wagon rides, Christmas at the Mason House, crafts sales at churches, Christmas tree lightings at the Bethel Methodist Church and Woodstock Common, Cookies with Santa at the Woodstock Elementary School and a Christmas concert by the Mahoosuc Band.

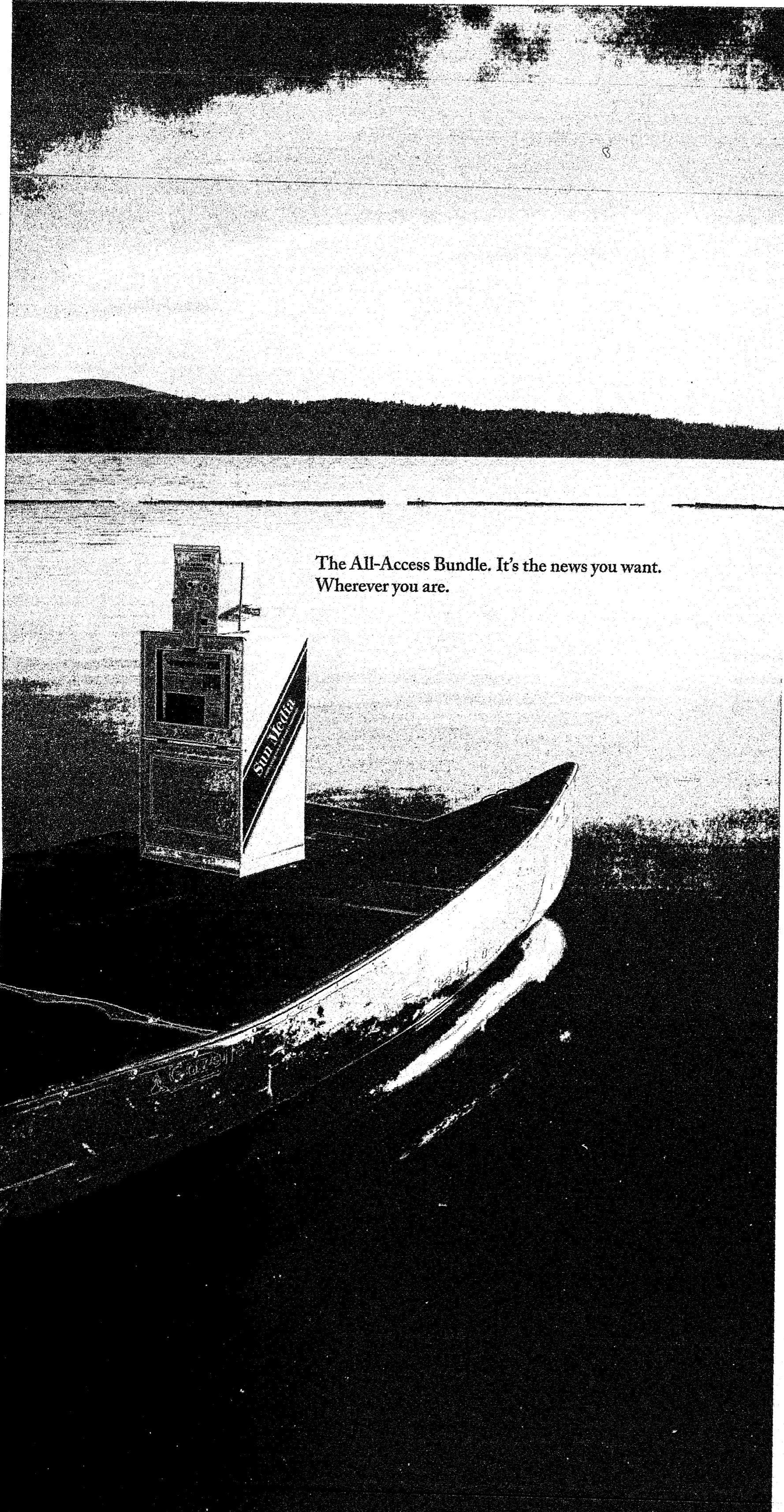
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TMS Art Jamboree supports animal shelter



For this year's Telstar Middle School ArtReach service-learning project, TMS 7th and 8th grade Advanced Art students chose to focus on helping the new Bethel animal shelter, "Heart of the Mountains." Students worked on animal-themed artworks (left and above) to offer for sale. They also produced a short film to educate the public about the project. The 2013 ArtReach fundraising event, "Telstar Jamboree & Student Art Sale," took place Dec. 3, and all the funds raised will be donated to the shelter. The event also included performances by local musicians. More information about the project, titled "Make it Pawsable," can be found on this student-designed website: www.makeitpawsable.wix.com/telstar.

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Food Pantry; Nazarene Church, Park Street, Bethel. By appointment only (824-0369).

Dec. 12, 13 and 14

"It's a Wonderful Life" THS Theater Department; 7 p.m., Telstar's Helen C. Berry Auditorium. In addition to three evening performances, there will be a matinee on Saturday, Dec. 14 at 2 p.m. Admission is free, but donations to support the THS Theater Department are welcome. FMI: 824-2136.

Thursday, Dec. 12

Annual Christmas Sale; 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., Ledgeway Living Center, West Paris. Donations of handiwork or baked goods for this event will be graciously accepted.

USDA Local Working Group Meeting; 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., UMaine Cooperative Extension Office, 9 Olson Road, South Paris. Interested farmers, landowners and people from all areas of conservation are encouraged to attend.

Christmas Carol Sing-Along; 2 p.m., Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant Pond. Accompaniment provided by pianist, Jim Burke. Refreshments will be served. This event is free and open to the public.

Healthcare Degrees Information Session; 4 to 5 p.m., University College at South Paris. Informational session on healthcare degree programs offered at the University of Maine at Fort Kent. FMI: Nikki Abbott (743-9322) or www.learn.maine.edu/southparis.

Dec. 13, 14 and 15

Sunday River Winterfest; Eddy the Yeti sightings, Winter Zipline Tours at 9 a.m., 11:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. \$49 per person with purchases of lift ticket or season pass, \$59 without. Space is limited. Reservations: 1-800-543-2754. Twin Ziplines 12 to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. \$15 for two runs. Spa specials. \$5 Night skiing Saturday, 4 to 8 p.m. Bon fire, chainsaw carving demos, a visit from Santa, fireworks and more.

Friday, Dec. 13

Alder River Grange Meeting; 6 p.m. at Stan Howe's home on Broad Street, across from the Inn. Please bring nonperishable goods or a little money for the food bank.

"Let Your Light Shine" Winter Celebration; 6:15 p.m., West Paris Library. Illumination of lights, refreshments, performance by the Agnes Gray Explorers, sing-along with Susan Glines and horse-drawn wagon rides. FMI: 674-2004.

North Country Community Chorus; 7 p.m., St. Kieran Arts Center, Berlin, N.H. Admission: \$12/adults, \$6/students. FMI: 603-752-1028 or www.stkiernarts.org.

"Holiday Treasures" Christmas for Teens Benefit Show; 7:30 p.m., Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School auditorium. (Snow date, Dec. 14). Tickets: \$10 and \$7.

Dec. 14 and 15

Annual Open House Weekend; Maine Line Products. Free hot fudge sundaes, lots of Maine foods to taste, sales and free gift wrapping. Santa will visit Saturday 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Book signing with Norma Salway Saturday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 14

Andover Firemen's Association Craft Fair; 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Doors open at 8 a.m. for crafters. Soup and sandwiches on sale at 12 p.m. Santa arrives at 2 p.m. FMI: 381-0127.

Oxford Hills Honey Bee Club Potluck Holiday Party; 1 p.m., Oxford County Extension Center, 9 Olson Road, South Paris. All are welcome. FMI: Kevin (farrout@roadrunner.com).

Free Horse-drawn Wagon Rides; 1 to 3 p.m., Bethel Common. Sponsored by the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors.

Upton Community Christmas Party; 6 p.m., Upton Ladies Aid building.

Swingin' Bears Teddy Bear Dance; 7 to 10 p.m., Oxford Hills Middle School. Carol Stewart Arsenault will cue the rounds. Admission: \$6. Donations of stuffed toys will be accepted. Proceeds support "Right Start for Kids," a program of Community Concepts in the Oxford Hills area.

Jones Dance Band; 7 to 10 p.m., South Paris Legion Hall. Adults: \$5.

Shut Down Brown; 7 p.m., The Foggy Goggle, South Ridge, Sunday River. A live funk band with big horns and tons of energy.

Sunday, Dec. 15

Christmas Breakfast; 8 to 11 a.m., Upton Ladies Aid Building. Open to the public. Cost: By donation.

SAD 44 Ski Free Day; Sunday River Ski Resort. Free lift ticket, free rental, free adult learn to ski/ride clinic. 50 percent food and beverage discount.

North Country Community Chorus; 2 p.m., St. Kieran Arts Center, Berlin, N.H. Admission: \$12/adults, \$6/students. FMI: 603-752-1028 or www.stkiernarts.org.

Heather Pierson Quartet's Charlie Brown Christmas; 3 p.m., Medallion Opera House, 10 Park Street, Gorham, N.H. Tickets: \$12, children under 12 admitted free. FMI/Ticket purchases: www.heatherpierson.com.

"Lead Me Back to Bethlehem" Christmas Cantata; 4 p.m., Locke's Mills Union Church. Performed by the Community Choir from area churches and directed by Beverly Melville. Refreshments following the performance. All are welcome.

Monday, Dec. 16

Essentials of College Planning Workshop; 10 a.m., Western Maine University & Community College Center, South Paris. This workshop is free, but preregistration is required. FMI/Registration: 1-800-281-3707.

Knitting Group; 2 to 4 p.m., Waterford Library. All levels of knitters are welcome.

"Not a Creature was Stirring" Craft Program; 3:30 to 4:30 p.m., Norway Library. Elementary students are invited to get into the holiday spirit by listening to the classic poem "Twas the Night Before Christmas" and then make a candy cane mouse ornament to take home. All supplies are provided. FMI/Registration: Annika (743-5309 ext. 4) or stop by the Children's Room at the library.

Tuesday, Dec. 17

Telstar Middle/High School Winter Concert; 7 p.m., Telstar auditorium. Performances by the TMS band and chorus, conducted by TMS music teacher, Tom Coolidge. Performances by the THS band and chorus, conducted by THS music teacher, Jennifer Bennett. Admission is free. Donations welcome.

Wednesday, Dec. 18

SMH Women's Imaging Special Fit Event; 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Fit event with Certified Mastectomy Fitter Joan Caron featuring sleep and active wear customized to accommodate ladies that have had mastectomies. FMI/Appointments: 744-6079.

Blue Christmas Service; 7 p.m., Bethel United Methodist Church. Service will be held upstairs in the chapel room off the sanctuary. All are welcome.

Friday, Dec. 20

TMS PTA Movie Night; 6 to 8:30 p.m., Telstar Auditorium. Movie is Despicable Me 2. All are welcome.

Saturday, Dec. 21

Free Horse-drawn Wagon Rides; 1 to 3 p.m. Meet in front of the Chapman Inn on the corner of Church Street and Main Street.

Jones Dance Band; 7 to 10 p.m., South Paris Legion Hall. Adults: \$5.

A Band Beyond Description; 7 p.m., The Foggy Goggle, South Ridge, Sunday River. Two year nominee for Maine's Best Jam Band.

Sunday, Dec. 22

5th Annual Cooper Campbell Day; 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Shawnee Peak, Bridgton. In addition to enjoying healthy outdoor activity, kids and their families will enjoy music, fun games and raffle prizes.

Living Nativity; 5 p.m., Bethel Common. A living presentation of the birth of Jesus and songs of the season. All are welcome.

Candlelight Festival of Lessons and Carols; 7 p.m., West Bethel Union Church.

Tuesday, Dec. 24

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service; 5 p.m., First Universalist Church of West Paris. Service led by Rev. Fayre Stephenson. All are welcome to attend. In place of the traditional offering, the church will be accepting donations of money or nonperishable food for the West Paris food pantry.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service; 7 p.m., Bethel Alliance Church, 251 Walkers Mills Road (across from Telstar parking lot). FMI: 824-2289.

Wednesday, Dec. 25

Christmas Service; 7:30 p.m., First Church of Christ, Scientist, 5 Morill Road, Norway.

Friday, Dec. 27

The Tardy Brothers; 7 p.m., Grand Summit Hotel. Sarcastic wit, physical comedy, live music, and high energy juggling. Tickets: \$8/adults, \$5/Children 12 and under, 5 and under free.

Carl Vee at Mt. Abram; 8 to 10 p.m. at Loose Boots Lounge. Music from the 1950s through 1980s.

Twiddle; 7 p.m., The Foggy Goggle, South Ridge, Sunday River. A Vermont-based quartet playing a blend of jazz, classical, bluegrass, reggae and funk.

Saturday, Dec. 28

Jones Dance Band; 7 to 10 p.m., South Paris Legion Hall. Adults: \$5.

Royal Hammer; 7 p.m., The Foggy Goggle, South Ridge, Sunday River. A 7-piece roots reggae group from Portland.

Fireworks; 8:30 p.m. South Ridge Lodge, Sunday River.

Monday, Dec. 30

Free Horse-drawn Wagon Rides; 1 to 3 p.m., Bethel Common. Sponsored by Sunday River Rentals, the Glen House and the Bingham House.

An Evening with Amity Schlaes; 6 p.m. Topic: "Scrooge as he is reflected in the current economy and popular culture." Seating is limited. RSVP required, preferably by Dec. 16. FMI/RSVP: 665-2049.

Ian Stewart - Master Hypnotist; 7 p.m., Grand Summit Hotel. An entertaining event with the highest level of hypnosis knowledge seen on any stage today. Tickets: \$8/adults, \$5/Children 12 and under, 5 and under free.

Tuesday, Dec. 31

NYE Celebration - Dinner, Dancing, and Cocktails; 5:30 p.m., The Bethel Inn. Five course dinner in the Main Dining Room, Rob Robbins in the South Dining Room and Brad Hooper in the Millbrook Tavern. Champagne toast at midnight. Dinner and entertainment: \$59.95 per person. Entertainment only: \$10 at the door. FMI/Reservations: 1-800-654-0125.

New Year's Dance; 8 p.m. to 12:30 a.m., American Legion, Church Street, South Paris. Music by the Jones Band. Tickets are \$15 if reservations are made by Dec. 21. After that date, tickets are \$20. Ticket price includes a buffet at 9:45. FMI/Reservations: Betty Decoteau (743-7965).

Soule Monde; 7 p.m. The Foggy Goggle, South Ridge, Sunday River. Instrumental, organ-driver funk.

Cirque de Light - Fire Performance Troupe; 7:45 p.m., South Ridge base area, Sunday River. New techniques have been developed to now allow the fire dancers to paint the night sky with fiery patterns and trails of flame. This is a free performance.

Fireworks; 8:30 p.m. South Ridge Lodge, Sunday River.

Wednesday, Jan. 1

SAD 44 Ski Free Day; Sunday River Ski Resort. Free lift ticket, free rental, free adult learn to ski/ride clinic. 50 percent food and beverage discount.

Jan. 6 and 7

Community Auditions for Oxford Hills Biennial Broadway Production; 6:30 to 9 p.m., Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School. Actors of all ages needed. Those auditioning are asked to not bring their own musical piece.

Friday, Jan. 10

Red Bull Frozen Rush; 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday River Resort, 15 South Ridge Road, Newry. An off-road truck race like no other – eight 900-horsepower Pro4 trucks and their experienced professional drivers hit the slopes for a head-to-head race on the steep and unpredictable snowy terrain. FMI: www.redbull.com/frozenrush.

Open House; 1 to 4 p.m., Greenwood Town Office, Gore Road, Locke's Mills.

Saturday, Jan. 11

Living on a Bad Name; 7 p.m., The Foggy Goggle, South Ridge, Sunday River. Bon Jovi tribute band – a guaranteed energetic show.

Monday, Jan. 13

Hoopalula's Fire Gaia; 6:45 p.m., South Ridge base area, Sunday River. Hoopalula takes "hooping" to the next level by adding fire to their performances! Fire-dancing adds exceptional flair and provides sizzling entertainment that will leave you raving for more. This is a free event.

Fireworks; 7:30 p.m. South Ridge Lodge, Sunday River.

Tuesday, Jan. 14

Rainforest Reptile Show; 7 p.m., Grand Summit Hotel. They're exotic crawlers, unusual 'slitherers' and fascinating creepers: They are the creatures of the rainforest. Educates and entertains people of all ages about reptiles, animals, and the importance of preserving their natural habitats. Tickets: Adults/\$8, Children 12 and under/\$5, under 5 free.

Saturday, Jan. 18

Fireworks; 8:30 p.m. South Ridge Lodge, Sunday River.

Saturday, Jan. 25

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Sunday, Jan. 26

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Feb. 21 and 22

"Guys and Dolls" by the Hebron Academy Players; 7:30 p.m. (doors open at 7), Lepage Center for the Arts, Hebron Academy. Free and open to the public.

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Singalong Thursday, December 12

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Horse-Drawn Wagon Rides Saturday, December 14

Horse-drawn wagon rides for the whole family! 1-3pm. Sponsored by the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. Meet at the north end of the town common near the Chapman Inn for rides through historic Bethel village. Rides given by Deepwood Farm.

Lead Me Back to Bethlehem Sunday, December 15

Christmas cantata performed by the community choir from area churches and directed by Bev Melville. Refreshments following. 4pm. FMI: Joyce Hathaway, 207-674-2259. Locke Mills Union Church, Rt. 26, Locke Mills.

Telstar Middle & High School Winter Concert Tuesday, December 17

7 pm. Helen C. Berry Auditorium at Telstar Middle/High School. Performances by the TMS & THS band and chorus, conducted by TMS music teacher Tom Coolidge, and THS music teacher Jennifer Bennett.

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paprika to taste

Carefully remove mushroom stems. Dice stems, sauté them in butter until tender. Set aside to cool. Mix together Cheddar cheese & cream cheese until whipped. Season with garlic salt, onion salt & fold in the stems. Stuff mushrooms & place on a cookie sheet. Sprinkle tops w/ additional shredded cheese & paprika. Bake at 325 degrees for 15 to 20 minutes or until cheese is melted. Serve warm. Makes 20 to 25.

Party Triangles

10 oz. pkg. frozen chopped spinach, thawed and drained
2 6 oz. jars marinated artichoke hearts, drained and chopped
1 clove garlic, minced
1/2 cup mayonnaise
1/2 cup sour cream
3/4 cup **1/2 cup**
10 oz. pkg. frozen puff pastry, thawed

Combine first 6 ingredients together; mix well. Unfold pastry on a lightly floured surface; roll into a 12-inch square. Cut into sixteen, 3-inch squares. Spoon one teaspoon spinach mixture into the center of each pastry. Fold pastries over to form triangles; seal with a fork. Place on an ungreased baking sheet; bake at 350 degrees for 5 to 7 minutes. Makes 16.

Cranberry-Gorgonzola Green Salad

1/3 cup vegetable oil
1/4 cup seasoned rice vinegar
3/4 tsp Dijon mustard
1 clove garlic, pressed
1 small head Bibb lettuce, torn
1 small head green leaf lettuce, torn
1 apple, chopped
1/3 cup coarsely chopped walnuts, toasted
1/3 cup dried cranberries
1/3 cup crumbled Gorgonzola cheese

Whisk together first 4 ingredients in a small bowl; set aside. Just before serving, combine Bibb lettuce and next 5 ingredients in a large bowl. Pour dressing over salad; toss gently. Serves 8.

Loaded Mashed Potato Casserole

5 to 6 potatoes, peeled and cubed
1/2 cup milk
8 oz. pkg. cream cheese, softened
8 oz. container sour cream
2 tsp dried parsley
1 tsp garlic salt
1/4 tsp nutmeg
3/4 cup shredded Cheddar cheese
12 slices bacon, crisply cooked and crumbled

Cover potatoes with water in a large saucepan; bring to boil over medium heat. Reduce heat; simmer for 20 to 25 minutes. Drain well. Mash until light and fluffy. In a large bowl, beat together all ingredients except Cheddar cheese and bacon until smooth and creamy. Spoon into a lightly greased 13"x9" baking pan; sprinkle with cheese and bacon. Cover and bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes, or until heated through. Serves 10 to 12.

Garlic Green Beans

1 to 2 lbs. green beans, trimmed
2 tbsp olive oil
1 clove garlic, minced
salt to taste

Place beans and a small amount of water in a microwave-safe dish. Cover and microwave on high for 5 minutes. Heat oil in a non-stick skillet over medium heat. Add beans and garlic; cook and stir until crisp-tender. Sprinkle with salt to taste. Serves 6.

Anytime Cheesy Biscuits

2 cups biscuit baking mix
1/2 cup shredded Cheddar cheese
2/3 cup milk
1/4 cup margarine, melted
1/4 tsp garlic powder

Combine first 3 ingredients together until a soft dough forms; beat vigorously for 30 seconds. Drop dough by rounded tablespoonfuls onto an ungreased baking sheet; bake at 450 degrees until golden, about 8 to 10 minutes. Whisk margarine and garlic powder together; spread over warm biscuits. Makes about 1½ dozen.

Parmesan Baked Chicken

1/2 cups butter, melted
1 clove garlic, minced
1 cup Italian-flavored dry bread crumbs
1/3 cup grated Parmesan cheese
2 tbsp fresh parsley
1/4 tsp salt
1/4 tsp garlic powder
pepper to taste
4 to 6 boneless, skinless chicken breasts
Optional:
1/2 tsp Italian seasoning

In a bowl, combine butter and garlic. In another bowl, combine bread crumbs, Parmesan cheese and seasonings. Dip chicken in butter mixture to coat; dredge in bread crumb mixture. Place chicken into an ungreased 13"x9" baking pan. Drizzle remaining butter mixture over chicken. Bake, uncovered, at 400 degrees for 20 to 25 minutes, until juices run clear when pierced. Makes 4 to 6 servings.

Cranberry-Almond Punch

16 oz. can jellied cranberry sauce
2 1/4 cups water
1/2 cup lemon juice
3/4 cup orange juice
1 tsp almond extract
1 cup ginger ale, chilled
Garnish:
lemon slices, mint leaves

With fork, crush cranberry sauce; blend smooth with an electric blender. Add water, lemon juice, orange juice and extract; blend well. Chill. Stir in ginger ale before serving. Garnish glasses with lemon slices and mint. Serves 4.

Hot Fudge Brownie Sundaes

1/4 cup butter
2 1 oz. squares semi-sweet baking chocolate, chopped
1 egg
1/2 cup brown sugar, packed
1 tsp vanilla extract
1/4 tsp salt
1/4 cup all-purpose flour
4 scoops vanilla ice cream, softened
Garnish:
chocolate sauce, warmed

Combine butter and chocolate in a microwave safe bowl, stirring every minute, then let cool for 10 minutes. Mix together egg, brown sugar, vanilla and salt in a small bowl. Stir into chocolate mixture. Add flour; mix well. Spread batter in an 8"x8" baking pan lined with aluminum foil and sprayed with nonstick vegetable spray. Bake at 350 degrees for 15 minutes or until a toothpick inserted near center comes out clean. Cool completely on a wire rack. Cover; chill until firm. Cut brownies into 8 squares. Spread 4 brownies with ice cream; top with remaining brownies. Wrap in plastic wrap; freeze overnight. To serve, drizzle with warm chocolate sauce. Serves 4.



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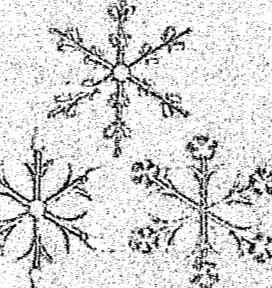
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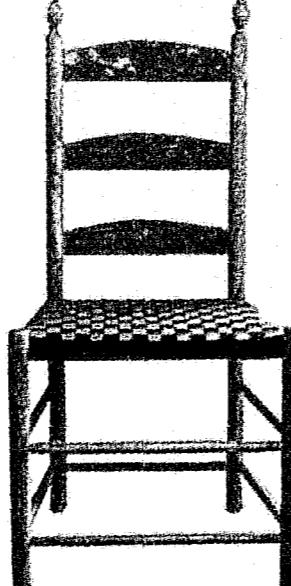


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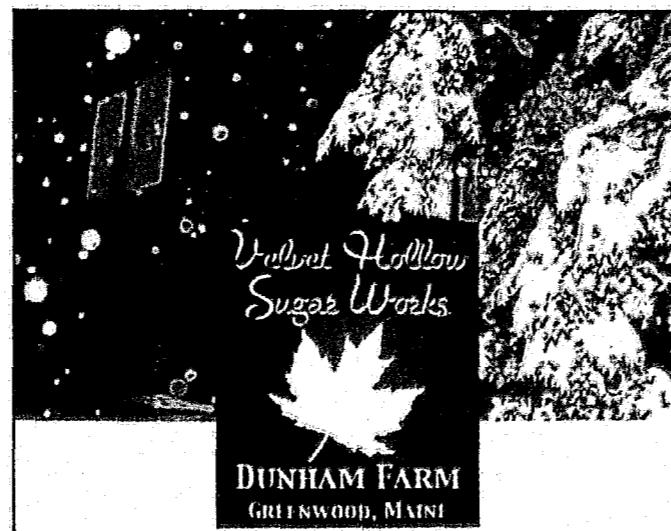
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The production that grabbed America by its imagination, and has been adored by audiences everywhere, ushers in a new era for the beloved Oxford Hills community show. 2014 marks the 40th anniversary of the biennial Broadway production, which began in 1974 with "Fiddler on the Roof."

Forty years and 20 Broadway shows later, the producers of "Seussical" are eager to launch the community musical into a new age of exciting, spellbinding and modern shows.

"The community Broadway musical has always been a showcase of talent here in the Oxford Hills. It's been a thing of pride for us here – to put on a quality production using the musical, acting and technical abilities of people from right here in our own towns. Every two years this has been our state championship. Our reason to come together as a community to celebrate," said Kyle Jordan, who is directing the music for "Seussical" and co-producing with Jenn St. Pierre. Both Jordan and St. Pierre are Oxford Hills graduates and have participated in several past productions.

Jordan and St. Pierre tapped fellow graduate Andrew Turner to direct this

year's production. Turner is also a veteran of stage productions here in the Oxford Hills as an actor and director.

"It's time to invest in the next generation of performers and audiences," Turner said. "The old classics – 'Oklahoma,' 'Annie' and 'West Side Story,' were huge draws. They have their respectful places in the pantheon of Broadway hits. Now, we need to bring to the stage the shows being produced today on Broadway; the exciting hit shows of this generation."

"Seussical" is the perfect choice for just that, Turner believes. With its colorful, circus-like production appeal, large call for young actors and written using the imagination of one of the world's greatest children's illustrators and writers, "Seussical" offers a modern vehicle to create new excitement for younger actors and audiences.

"This will be huge," Jordan said. "It will be the kind of spectacle that the stage was meant for. And what makes it fantastic is that we have the talent right here – as always – to make it happen."

The production calls for 12 principle acting parts, six cameos as well as an assortment of ensembles. Parts are needed from actors and actresses of all ages and those auditioning are asked to not bring their own musical piece.

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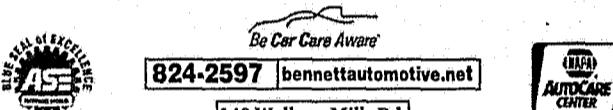


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Obituaries



PETER E. MORSE

Peter E. Morse, a Weymouth, Mass., resident for over 50 years before moving to Rockland eight years ago, passed away suddenly Dec. 1, 2013, at the age of 88.

Predeceased by his mom and dad, William and Jean (MacNeil), he is survived by his loving siblings, Bon-

nie J. and her husband Bob MacGregor of Weymouth, Robin Morse-Keeley and her husband Michael Keeley of Weymouth, Jay and Dana of Brockton, Mass., and Andrew and his wife Sue of West Roxbury, Mass. He was uncle to Tamara and her husband Bill McIver of Pembroke, Mass., and Rylee Keeley; and great-uncle to Meghan and Ryan McIver. He was the nephew of Cindy Albrecht of Pass Christian, Miss., and Velma Twomey of Los Angeles, Calif.; and cousins and friends.

A Weymouth South High School, Class of 1972, graduate, Peter worked at Burkhardt Bros., Inc., for over 30 years. He spent his winters doing what he loved to do most — skiing at Sun-

day River and Park City, Utah, for many years, meeting many longtime friends.

Come May 1, he was back to work. He played on a countless number of softball teams his whole life and always loved a good party. He will be missed by many.

Cremation will be private. The family plans on spreading his ashes on three of his favorite mountains, Sunday River, Attitash (N.H.), and Snow Bird (Utah).

Burial will be private and a memorial service is being planned for after the holidays.

JUNE W. SCOTHORNE

June W. Scothorne, 92, of Gateway Commons in Gorham, died Sunday, Dec. 8, at a Portland hospital.

She was born in South Paris on June 14, 1921, a daughter of M. Herbert and Myra Austin Woodworth. June attended South Paris schools, graduating in 1940. In 1942, she married Ernest "Ben" Scothorne; he predeceased her in 1980.

She lived most of her adult life in Lovell and Naples, until moving with her daughter, Gail, to Gorham in 2001. June belonged to the National Button Society and was a ham radio operator. She was also a direct descendant of the Mayflower. June was a member of First Parish Congregational Church of Gorham.

June loved collecting buttons and was an avid golfer.

MARVIN KENDALL

Marvin E. Kendall, 83, of Lewiston, died Dec. 7, 2013, in Lewiston following surgery.

He was born in West Bethel, June 15, 1930, son of Clayton and Josephine Kendall. He graduated from Gould Academy in 1948. He then went on to graduate from Burdett College in Boston, Mass.

Marvin was an accountant for American Tel & Tel in Boston for several years. He married Joanne Stinchfield in 1955 and they returned to Maine. He began working in Lewiston in 1956, first for E.M. Shapiro Accounting and later for several local accounting firms: Gervais & Martel, among others.

He was a 65-year member of Pleasant Valley Grange in West Bethel. He is survived by his wife Joanne; daughter Leigh and husband Kevin Strout; daughter Sue and husband Roger Canuel; grandchildren Katie Strout Hyde and husband Chris, Heidi Canuel Wieland and husband Dieter, and Ryan Canuel; great-grandchildren Dalton

Gendron, Kyleigh and Tyler Hyde, Isabelle Trombley, and Ethan Wieland; brother, Ronald Kendall and wife Marguerite, and several nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by a grandson, Christopher Gendron; his parents and two brothers, Maurice and Marvin.

At Marvin's request, there will be no visiting hours or funeral.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Pine Tree Society, PO Box 307, Bath, Maine 04530.

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CLAYTON CROCKETT

Clayton H. Crockett, 91, of Bethel passed away peacefully Dec. 10, 2013, at Stephens Memorial Hospital.

He was born Oct. 2, 1922 in Bethel, to Ray E. and Ethel M. Crockett. He graduated from Gould Academy in 1941. He owned his own TV repair shop for many years. He retired after 27 years from Gould Academy, working in the Maintenance Dept. Some referred to him as "The man with the golden fingers" because he could fix anything that came his way. He en-

joyed camping, golfing and his family. He was blessed with a caring and loving family who survives him.

He married Lola A. Billings on Feb. 19, 1949. He is survived by his loving wife of 64 years, his children and their spouses. Together they had four children: a daughter, Cynthia Wakefield-Campbell (Joseph), son, David (JoAnn), son, Clyde, and daughter Gloria Crockett-Rice (Burke).

Ten grandchildren and spouses/significant others; Clinton Wakefield (Melissa), Grayson Wakefield (Renee'), Ray Crockett (Erin), Shawn Crockett, Kyle Crockett-Ryan (Wendy), Miranda Crockett (David Jr.), Ariel Crockett, Alexandria Crockett, Braydon Crockett-Rice (Danielle), and Victoria Crockett-Rice. Step-grandchildren; Michelle (Mark), Cory, William (Louise), Shelley (Brent). Great-grandchildren; Timothy and Matthew Wakefield, Gracie and Sophia Wakefield, Matthew and Emma Ryan, Hailey, Cadence and Reagan Farnum. Step-great grandchildren; Logan and Sarah Bartlett, Emma and Noah Campbell, Charlie, Jillian and Jared Rice, Brianna and Britany Douglass. Four sisters-in-law; Betty Crockett, Barbara Patterson, Florence Wing, and Shirley Staples.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Richard. He will truly be missed.

Clayton had requested cremation and no services. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Stephens Memorial Hospital, 181 Main Street, Norway, Maine 04268, c/o Healthcare Foundation.

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